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A single worker equipped with this portable instrument weighing 4.5 kilograms can weed the plantings and loosen the soil over an area of 9,600 square meters, during one shift. The use of this electric cutter increases the productivity of labor in the care of forest plantings eight times and saves considerable expense. The manufacture of this cutter is not complicated. It is powered by a generator of the SOT tractor. It is necessary to hook up four or five electric cutters to the power source at one time. Workers using these cutters can cover an area within a radius of one kilometer from the location of the generator.

REPORT TO PARTY CONGRESS KARELO-FINNISH SSR -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 24 Sep 1952

The report on 23 September 1952 by A. N. Yegorov, Secretary, TSK KP(b) Karelo-Finnish SSR, before the Third Congress of KP(b) Karelo-Finnish SSR contained the following information:

In 1951, timber haulage as compared with 1948 increased 48 percent in enterprises of the Ministry of the Timber Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR; in comparison with 1948 paper production increased 96 percent, cellulose 125 percent, cardboard 287 percent.

The Timber Industry, the leading branch of the economy of the republic, is especially backward. During the first 8 months of 1952, it fulfilled the yearly plan by only 55 percent.

In recent years, the production of the cellulose-paper industry of the republic has shown a significant increase. However, the plan for the production of cellulose, paper, and paper bags has not been fulfilled. The work of the Segezha, Kondopoga, and Kharlu combines has been especially unsatisfactory.

The principal cause of unsatisfactory performance in the paper industry is the failure to provide for the preventative maintenance of machinery. Equipment is wearing out from lack of repair which leads to frequent accidents and stoppages.

KARELO-FINNISH PRODUCTION RISES -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 16 Sep 52

During the first 10 days of September, timber enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Karelo-Finnish SSR improved their work somewhat. In comparison with the first 10 days of August, the timber managements of the republic hauled 5,000 cubic meters more of timber and fulfilled the monthly task by 32 percent. However, in spite of this improvement, the performance of many important timber managements still continues to be unsatisfactory.

FLOATING SHOWS INCREASE -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 30 Sep 52

By 25 September, timber enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Karelo-Finnish SSR had floated 550,000 cubic meters more of timber than they did during the past year. Floating operations are now being conducted on 12 rivers and seven lakes.

BARGES BRING TIMBER FOR NEW PORT CONSTRUCTION -- Frunze, Sovetskaya Kirghiziya, 28 Sep 52

The first barge from the upper Volga has arrived at the port of Zhdanov with a cargo of about 1,400 tons of saw timber for the construction of the city. The crew of the steam tugboat Morozov successfully conducted it through the Volga-Don canal, overcame the difficulties of navigation in the Sea of Azov, and reached its destination slightly ahead of time.

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The port workers of Zhdanov are preparing themselves in model fashion for the reception of cargoes from the Volga-Don Canal.

Several barges with cargoes of timber for the factories and mines of the Donetz Basin are still enroute to Zhdanov.

TEST NEW RAFT DESIGN -- Moscow, Trud, 18 Sep 52

Ya. B. Dalmatov, engineer of the Kama Timber Floating Trust and well-known inventor, has created a new and original design for rafts that have to pass through the Volga-Don Canal.

A test model of this raft was tested recently at the Novo-Ill'inskiy Floating Roadstead. The raft has a volume of 80,500 cubic meters and is built with a self-tightening construction, which consists of a cable passing through special blocks prepared in the Molotov factory "Kommunar." Due to its construction, the raft can be easily braced in four sections and conducted through the locks of the canal. The sections are converted in the Tsimlyanskoye Sea into separate rafts which continue down the Don to the mines of the Don Basin.

Simanovskiy, the inventor has constructed an electric driving device for rafts as a gift to the Party Congress. The preliminary design has already been approved by the Ministry of the Timber Industry and transferred to the Ministry of the River Fleet for completion. It is expected that 6 million rubles will be saved on every million cubic meters of timber rafts towed by the electric driving device.

NEW MACHINES FOR TIMBER OPERATIONS -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 4 Sep 52

The enterprises of the Ministry of the Timber Industry USSR are being equipped with new labor-saving machines.

Tests have been completed on an all-purpose wood-working machine for sawing wood. It is manufactured by the Kharkov Machine Shop and processes in one hour up to half a cubic meter of thin boards. The machine has push-button control. The feeding of wood to the machine is fully automatic. It is also possible to obtain boards of different thickness on this machine.

Several enterprises of the Ministry of the Timber Industry have already been equipped with single spindle tie processing machines designed by M. Drachkov, the inventor. This machine increases the productivity of labor 3-4 times. In one hour, it processes up to 100 ties.

LARGE URAL TIMBER SHIPMENTS TO NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS -- Moscow, Pravda, 26 Sep 52

Timber industry enterprises of the western Urals are eagerly striving to fulfill their socialist obligations undertaken in honor of the Nineteenth Party Congress.

Tens of thousands of cubic meters of timber are being forwarded every day to the great construction projects of Communism at Kuybyshev and Stalingrad. Several days ago, the steam tug "Nakhichevan" left Molotov for Stalingrad. It is bringing to the hydroelectric project a timber raft with a volume of 80,000 cubic meters. The tug "Timoshchuk" is towing a timber raft with a volume of 90,000 cubic meters to the Kuybyshev Hydroelectric Project.

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TIMBER BASE SUPPLIES NEW CONSTRUCTION -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 21 Sep 52

The workers of the Kirov Timber Base have sent 46 carloads of construction timber to the Ukrainian Water Construction Supply Trust. They have also sent about a million cubic meters of industrial timber to the Volga construction projects, and the Main Turkmen, Southern Ukraine, and Northern Crimean canal projects.

TIMBER INDUSTRY LEADER DIES -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 18 Sep 52

N. M. Antselovich died on 15 September 1952. He was born in 1880. He began his career as a worker at the age of 14. In November 1905, he entered the ranks of the Bolshevik Party. After the Revolution, he held many important party and union posts.

He was connected with the timber and wood-processing industries. He served as chairman of the Central Committee of the Agricultural and Timber Workers Trade Union, people's commissar of the Timber Industry USSR, director of a model experimental timber management, and director of the Moscow Furniture Factory.

He served with distinction in the Great Fatherland War and was awarded the Order of the Red Banner, second degree, the Order of the Red Star and four medals.

REPUBLIC CONGRESS SETS NEW GOALS FOR KAZAKH SSR -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhanstaya Pravda, 30 Sep 52

The Party Congress of the Kazakh SSR resolved to liquidate the backwardness and to improve the work of the Timber Industry in the republic. It was also decided to attain timber haulage of 350,000 cubic meters, lumber production of 50,000 cubic meters, and gross production to the value of 43,200,000 rubles by the end of 1955.

NEW MACHINES FOR PAPER PLANTS -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 18 Sep 52

A new paper machine manufactured by the Leningrad factory Imeni Vtoroy Pysatileki has been placed in operation in the "Ligatne" paper factory. The multi-motored machine is automatically controlled and is serviced by four men. The operation of this machine will considerably increase the factory's production of the finer grades of paper.

Other paper enterprises in the Latvian SSR are being equipped with the latest domestic equipment. The assembly of new paper making machines is in progress in the "Yauntsiyema" Paper Factory and in the Slooskiy Paper Combine.

Millions of rubles are being spent this year on new construction and additional mechanical equipment for paper enterprises.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR FURNITURE INDUSTRY -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 12 Sep 52

The Ministry of Paper and Wood-Processing Industry has begun the construction of 12 new and the reconstruction of 8 existing furniture enterprises.

The largest Furniture Assembly Combine is being built in Moscow. It will produce cabinets, tables, and upholstered furniture.

Production of the Moscow furniture factories No 1 and No 3 will also be considerably increased. Instead of hand veneering, special presses will be used which will lighten the labor of the workers considerably and improve the quality of the finished product.

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TIMBER INDUSTRY PRODUCTION DATA -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 11 Sep 52

The brigade headed by A. Mikhaylov at the Aleshkinsky Jam Area, with a norm of 625 cubic meters, constructed into rafts 1000-1200 cubic meters of timber per shift on the VKF-16 machine.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 16 Sep 52

On September 11, the brigade headed by Gorozin at the Belomorsk-Segzero Floating Office, with a norm of 1,000 cubic meters, employing a floating apparatus, floated 1,250 cubic meters of timber.

Leninskoye Znamya, 23 Sep 52

Of all the loading machines used in timber-felling enterprises, the most efficient seems to be the Karellesovets Crane. An analysis of the work of the Payskiy Timber Management shows that it gives maximum average yearly timber-loading production per cubic meter with a minimum of cost.

The Karellesovets Crane has a yearly loading average of 137 cubic meters of timber per shift, the elevator 96 cubic meters, and the automatic crane of the Karel'skiy type only 81 cubic meters.

Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 25 Sep 52

The best raft-construction brigade of the Palkinskiy Logging Center headed by Udebin and Mukhamedzyanov that pledged to construct into rafts 10,000 cubic meters of timber every day has been fulfilling its pledge with honor.

The Stakhanovite brigade headed by Tokachev at the Obinskiy Roadstead has begun production on the new rafting machine Tsl-2. With a norm of 900 cubic meters they have been constructing into rafts 1,000-1,100 cubic meters of timber per shift.

The complex mechanization of timber management has freed many men formerly occupied in basic work. For example, before complex mechanization it required 43 workers to load and 35 workers to unload 600 cubic meters of timber (total 78-80 workers). Now it requires 15 workers to load and two or three to unload the same amount of timber.

Leninskoye Znamya, 27 Sep 52

The brigade headed by Petr Nikitin at the Matrosskiy Logging Point of the Pryazhinskiy Timber Management, with a norm of 80 cubic meters, has felled an average of 85 cubic meters of timber per day.

Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 28 Sep 52

The brigade headed by Borovikov at the Dubovitskiy Timber Management, using improved methods of work, skidded 87 and loaded 65 cubic meters of timber per shift. Their skidding production per man-day amounted to 14.5 cubic meters and loading production to almost 11 cubic meters.

The brigade headed by Pystyshev at the Dubovitskiy Timber Management, using improved methods of work, skidded 32.5 cubic meters of timber and loaded the same amount per shift. Skidding production per man-day amounted to 16.7 and loading production to 14.4 cubic meters.

A brigade of three men at the Dubovitskiy Timber Management, using improved methods of work, skidded 50.3 and loaded 43.2 cubic meters of timber per shift. Skidding production per man-day amounted to 16.7 and loading production to 14.4 cubic meters.

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